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PREVENTING A SCANDAL?

The story of the marriage of the Rev. H. F. Auld, of Morrisania, and Mrs. Helen Emma Christy, a bewitching widow, published exclusively by THE WORLD this morning, is as interesting as a sensational novel. The young clergyman betrothed himself solemnly to the widow two years ago during the season of Lent. They would then have been united had not the rules of the Church forbidden it during the Lenten season. After that the reverend squire had a change of heart and desired to break his engagement. The case was transferred from the Court of Cupid to that of the learned Bishop of the diocese. Dr. Potter decided that the minister must keep his word and make the widow his wife, although he might refuse to allow her to become so in sight but name.

The marriage took place a week ago. But at the altar's foot the Rev. Mr. Auld solemnly renounced the woman he was about to make his wife, saying: "I will let you be my wife in name, I will never live with you. I will try and provide for you, but you must never darken my threshold." In the face of this the presiding minister united the couple in the solemn words of the Church service.

These remarkable people, now that the story is known, declare their action to have been induced to "prevent a scandal" in the Church. Was not this mockery of marriage the greatest scandal that could be put upon the Church? Was not the whole marriage ceremony, including the responses of the bridegroom, a falsehood and a sham at the very start?

The woman who is now Mr. Auld's wife is spoken of as bearing an unblemished character, and the fault seems to lie wholly with the reverend and vacillating husband. If the widow had possessed proper spirit she would have refused to become his wife. She ought to have left him with his mother.

IS "BADGER" BOBBERY COMMON?

People are trying to laugh down PHIL DALY's story about the attack made upon him by two "badger" game thieves in the Fourth avenue flat. Some go so far as to say that PHIL was struck with a bottle in a woman's room and not shot at all. But a fastened bullet in the room, a discharged revolver, a wound in the head and a liberal amount of powder burned into the skin do not usually result from a blow with a bottle.

Whether PHIL had made previous visits to the flat has nothing more to do with the case than the flowers that bloom in the spring. Beyond doubt a bold attempt to rob DALY was concocted by persons who knew that he always carried a large amount of money about his clothes, and the ruffians ought to be tracked and severely punished.

There is good reason to believe that the crime of which DALY nearly became the victim is too common in New York. The people implicated in this baffled attempt are probably regularly engaged in that line of business. Not one man in a hundred would have resisted two armed men as DALY did, especially when resistance would disclose the fact of his visit to a disreputable place. The natural thing would have been for the entrapped individual to quietly submit to robbery, and no one knows how many men are thus despoiled.

The subject is a good one for police inquiry, and Chief BRONX is just the man to run such criminals to earth. He has a clue in the DALY case which may lead to startling revelations.

The Governor has issued his proclamation for a special election in the Sixth Senatorial District of this city, for a successor to County Clerk-elect RILEY. It is said that the Republicans and County Democrats are to unite in the district to elect an anti-RILEY Senator, but they have no chance of success. The special election to fill the late Senator Low's seat has not yet been called. In this case also a Democrat is likely to be elected.

Mrs. JAMES G. BLAINE, JR., announces that she will make her venture in the theatrical profession in comedy. "I have had enough of tragedy in real life," said the young mother, sorrowfully. Why does not the tragedy end in a fitting recognition of the wife's rights and the stage be spared another society addition?

The friends of the two men who last Sunday quietly left the Methodist Church at Elmhurst, Ill., to settle a little differently just outside the doors, will probably give them a funeral this week. It is to be hoped that the religious service from which they adjourned for the occasion had prepared them for death.

A PRETTY PLOT.

Mayor Hewitt Inadvertently Lets the Cat Out of the Bag.

The County Democracy's Neat Little Scheme Exposed.

Smith and Beekman to Resign Before Hewitt Leaves Office.

The details of the plot of the County Democracy to obtain control of the Department of Public Works and the Law Department for the ensuing four years has been discovered. D. Lowber Smith and Henry B. Beekman are to resign and to be reappointed Commissioner of Public Works and Corporation Counsel respectively some time between Dec. 10 and Jan. 1, and will fight to maintain themselves in office for four years.

Mayor Hewitt hinted this yesterday, and the Tammany Hall leaders, who had hoped that THE EVENING WORLD's assertion that such a scheme was brewing was not true, are to-day obliged to admit that there now seems to exist no doubt that the County Democracy, with the assistance of Mayor Hewitt, will attempt to deprive Tammany of the choicest fruits of her recent victory.

Tammany Hall men had based their hopes on Mayor Hewitt. They did not believe that he would place himself on record as a law-breaker by appointing successors to Commissioner D. Lowber Smith and Corporation Counsel Beekman for full terms from Dec. 10.

They did not believe that Mayor Hewitt would dare set himself up as a court of last resort and declare the unconstitutionality of the Consolidation act, which makes the term of office of those two officials expire May 1, 1889.

A prominent Tammany Hall man said to-day: "Yes, sir, the Counties are going to try to steal the Public Works and the Corporation Counsel's office. There is no use of further coddling ourselves with the belief that they won't."

Mayor Hewitt has let the cat out of the bag. He says that there exists no conspiracy. Of course not. Mayor Hewitt is too honorable a gentleman to become a political conspirator.

Neither would he violate the law which plainly says that the terms of office of the Commissioner and the Corporation Counsel expire May 1.

Utile Abram's resources are many, and he has found a way to avoid being both a conspirator and a law-breaker, and he has been getting the evidence ready in advance to prove his innocence.

He asserted yesterday that he would fill every vacancy which exists or may exist prior to Jan. 1, and takes the trouble to tell the reporters that if Corporation Counsel Beekman resigns he would appoint his successor.

"In that statement it is to be found the meat in the cocoon. It reveals every detail of the scheme."

The position of the Counties is that the Consolidation act is unconstitutional, and that the terms of office of the officials to be appointed expire Dec. 10.

Mark my words. Some time between Dec. 10 and Jan. 1 D. Lowber Smith and Henry B. Beekman will resign.

According to his previously expressed intention Mayor Hewitt will fill the vacancies most probably by the reappointment of the same individuals.

"They will not be appointed for any specified time, but 'unexpired terms' for which they will be appointed will run four years from Dec. 10, 1888. If not they will go out of office May 1 next."

By this clever arrangement Mayor Hewitt will clear himself both of the charge of conspiracy and law-breaking.

He will simply appoint for "unexpired terms, and will let the incumbents of the offices fight it out in the courts with the men whom Mayor Hewitt will appoint next May, as he suggested in his interview of yesterday, when he said:

"If anybody objected to my action in the matter it would be his duty to go to the courts and file the question."

"This is the scheme, you may depend on it. It is a pretty scheme, too."

Mayor Grant's appointees will find a lively time before the next Summer when they try to take possession of those two departments.

Asked why he thought that D. Lowber Smith and Corporation Counsel Beekman would be reappointed, the gentleman said that they probably would not agree to the scheme if they were not to benefit personally by it.

THE FUNNY MEN AT WORK.

SOME SAMPLES OF THE JOKES MANUFACTURED TO ORDER.

His Sister Is Still Single.
(From Pisa.)



Little Herbert—That's nothing.
Mr. Zinn—What's nothing?
Little Herbert—That trick I taught Wiggles to carry a case in his mouth before he was a year old.

Not That Kind of a Man.
(From Texas Springs.)
Evangelist—My friend, do you ever spend any time on your knees?
Binner—No, I make my wife put down the carpets Spring and Fall.

Rival Attraction.
(From the Chicago Globe.)
Deacon—The pew is more than half filled to-day. How do you account for it?
Clergyman—Bob Ingersoll, Bob Elmore and the Sunday newspapers; that's what fills the pews.

He Forgot the Cyclones.
(From Texas Springs.)
Bostonian—So you live out West.
Western Man—Yes, sir.
"Well, you haven't got much to blow about."
"Haven't, sir? How about our cyclones?"

He Wanted It.
(From the Chicago Tribune.)
"Is it possible, sir," said the visitor, as he looked at a specimen in the museum of the Scientific Association, "that this is a petrification?"
"Yes, sir," replied the custodian, with pardonable pride, "that is a genuine petrified ham."

"Is it for sale?" demanded the visitor, excitedly. "If it is, I want it. I don't care a darn what it costs!"
"You have guessed correctly. He was the proprietor of a railway eating-house."

A Bamboozle.
(From Texas Springs.)
First Dude—How much did you pay for this cane?
Second Dude—Three dollars. It's genuine bamboo.
"The man who sold it to you bamboozled you very nicely. It's only imitation."

Endicott's Legacy.
(From Pisa.)
[The first of the Endicotts, ancestor of the Miss Endicott whom Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has just married at Washington, introduced into America the English daisy, which in Massachusetts is still called "Endicott's Legacy."]
All men of British blood are kin,
However far they range.
Both in mind and in body must win
By floral interchange.

Two centuries and a half ago
John Endicott, we're told,
First made the British daisy blow
In Massachusetts soil.
Now Joseph's luckiest of lots
Is to bring home a "Rurroff" to
The flower of the Endicotts
From Massachusetts soil!
Sure Flora on the match must smile!
Fortunate Joseph C.
Tins to bring back to the Old Isle
Arrah, now, Pat, be alisy!
You'll surely join us as we drink
"The Orchid and the Daisy!"

A Popular Remedy.
(From Texas Springs.)
Tommy—Ma, I've sprained my wrist. What shall I put on it?
Mother—Bathe it in whiskey, my son.
"Ma, I say, Tommy."
"Did you ever sprain his throat?"
"Yes, Tommy. He gets it, in the neck occasionally."

Blue Eyes vs. Black.
(From the Currier.)
Poets have sung of a dazzling bright eye,
An eye of jet black like the raven,
Of an eagle-like eye—a proud flashing eye,
But my heart is not with them, I cannot tell
For I love the soft light of the blue.

Nobly and queenly the arrow gleams,
For eyes that are sable to view;
But it is not compare with the mild, mellow beam,
The calm, gentle glimmer, the heart-love gleam.
That dwells in the depths of the blue.
The fiery black eye is the one to command,
By the fear it inspires to subdue;
But what eye heart can the pleading withstand,
Can resist the persuasion, the wistful demand,
Implored by the soft eyes of blue?

The lightning shaft, rending the storm clouds on high;
The heavens all darkened to view;
Oh, that, that resembles the angry black eye!
But the mild ray of sunlight, the clear summer smile,
This, this is the type of the blue!

WORLDLINGS.

A New York correspondent writes that a fashionable dressmaker is constructing gowns for Mrs. Amelia Rives-Chandler that will cost \$1,000.

The largest continuous sleeping-car service in the world is that on the Santa Fe system, which runs through sleepers from San Diego, Cal., to Chicago, a distance of 2,311 miles.

A citizen of New Ulm, Minn., owns a horse which he considers an unerring weather prophet. He can always tell when a storm is coming by watching the animal's eyes, which change from a very light color to dark blue twenty-four hours before a change in the weather.

OUR AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION.

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What Is Catarrh

Catarrh is an inflammation of the mucous membrane, may affect the head, throat, stomach, bowels or bladder. But catarrh of the head is the most common, often coming on so gradually that it has a firm hold before the nature of the trouble is suspected. Catarrh is caused by a cold, or succession of colds, combined with impure blood. Its local symptoms are fulness and heat in the forehead, dryness in the nose and back part of the throat and a disagreeable discharge from the nose. When the disease gains a firm hold on the system, it becomes chronic and is then exceedingly dangerous and troublesome, liable to develop into consumption. The eye becomes inflamed and red, there is throbbing in the temples, ringing noises in the ears, headache, capricious appetite and sometimes loss of sense of smell and hearing. Hood's Sarsaparilla

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150 PAIR GUIPURE LACE CURTAINS AT \$1.25.
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A New Glimpse Feature.
The Eden Music will be closed to the public to-morrow evening to admit of a private reception and first view of E. Remond's gigantic painting, "The Brooklyn Bridge." The art gallery will be open to the public on Friday. It contains a choice collection of paintings from the Paris Salon of this year.

An Old Wall Street Man Dead.
Gerard B. Sherman, formerly of the firm of Sherman & Williams, died at Lakewood, N. J., at 5 o'clock this morning. Mr. Sherman had been a member of the Stock Exchange for nearly twenty years.

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